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1. FONMIN OHIRA SPEAKING AT UPPER HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE SESSION MARCH 16 REJECTED OPPOSITION CHARGES THAT U. S. SHIPMENT OF AMMUNITION FROM U. S. DEPOT IN JAPAN TO DANANG IN SOUTH VIETNAM CONSTITUTED VIOLATION OF VIETNAM PEACE AGREEMENT. CITING U. S. REPLY TO GOJ REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF MATTER, OHIRA, ACCORDING TO PRESS, POINTED OUT THAT REPLACEMENT OF AMMUNITION AND WEAPONS PERMITTED UNDER ARTICLE 7 OF PARIS AGREEMENT WHICH ALSO PROVIDES FOR INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION OF SUCH REPLACEMENT ACTIVITY. ACCORDING TO ASAHI ACCOUNT , OHIRA STATED THAT USG RESPONSE TO GOJ UNCLASSIFIED

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REQUEST MADE FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) USG RECOGNIZES THAT ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 7 OF CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT, PIECE- FOR- PIECE REPLACEMENT IS TO BE UNDER SUPER- VISION OF JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION (JMC) OF TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES AND ICCS: (B) AT PRESENT GVN HAS DESIGNATED AS POINTS OF ENTRY FOR WEAPONS AND AMMO DANANG, SAIGON AND CAM RANH AND ICCS HAS DESPATCHED TEAMS TO THESE POINTS BUT JMC IS NOT OPERATIVE AND PROCEDURES FOR INSPECTION TEAMS WILL BE DECIDED LATER: (C) UNTIL INSPECTION OPERATION GETS UNDER WAY, USG WILL UNDERTAKE REPLACEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPIRIT AND INTENT OF ARTICLE 7, AND (D) THERE HAS BEEN NO OBJECTION FROM ICCS OR FOUR- PARTY JMC TO US REPLACEMENTS OF WEAPONS AND AMMO.

2. IN REPLY TO KOMEITO INTERPELLATOR WHO QUESTIONED WHETHER GOJ SHOULD ACCEPT U. S. STATEMENT AT FACE VALUE, OHIRA STATED THAT U. S. HAD MADE CLEAR THAT ACTION NOT IN VIOLATION OF SPIRIT OR INTENT OF PARIS AGREEMENT AND SINCE U. S. AS PARTY TO PARIS AGREEMENT CLAIMS IT IS ACTING IN CONFORMITY TO AGREEMENT, GOJ MUST ACCEPT U. S. EXPLANATION. OHIRA REPORTEDLY ALSO SAID THAT NOTHING IN SECURITY TREATY GIVES JAPAN BASIS FOR OBJECTING TO U. S. ACTION.

3. QUESTION WAS ALSO ADDRESSED BY PRIMIN TANAKA WHO SAID, ACCORDING TO PRESS, THAT HE BELIEVES JAPAN SHOULD QUOTE UNRESERVEDLY DISPLAY UNDER- STANDING UNQUOTE OF THE U. S. ACTION WHICH IT SAYS IS NOT IN VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENT.
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